

# The Bloomfield Record.

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## New Publications.

**OPENING A CHESTNUT BURR.**—This is the latest and best work by Rev. E. P. Roe, author of "Barriers Burned Away," and other books. Mr. Roe has a remarkably facile pen for description, as well as great ingenuity in arranging and grouping events and characters. Thus he is enabled to impart an absorbing, and, at times, exciting, interest to the scenes he brings before us. In "Opening a Chestnut Burr" one is impressed with the sharply-drawn lines of distinction between the various characters employed. Desdemona, Othello and Iago, as portrayed by the immortal Shakespeare, are hardly more individualized in their respective traits than are Annie Walton, Walter Gregory and Charles Hunting in Mr. Roe's novel. And there is also some similarity between the leading personages of the great tragic poem and this modern story. Annie has all the sweetness and virtue of Desdemona; Hunting, like Iago, is a consummate hypocrite. But without the latter's sagacity, his qualities are shallow treachery and cowardice. Walter Gregory, under the quiet, pure and gentle influence of Annie Walton, becomes transformed from a somewhat narrow-minded, unfeeling man of the world, into a thoroughly noble, heroic Christian gentleman. Virtues and vices are introduced and carefully handled by Mr. Roe, without, however, trespassing upon the field of mere sensational or morbid sensation. The object aimed at is to do good and at the same time provide intellectual entertainment of a high order.

**LIVING AUTHORS AT THE NEW YORK BAR.**—This is a catalogue, giving the names of gentlemen of the legal profession in New York City who have written and edited law books, with titles of their works. It embraces the names of sixty judges and lawyers, and will doubtless prove a valuable book of reference. It is published by McDivitt, Campbell & Co., 111 Nassau street.

## A Matter of Etiquette.

MR. EDITOR.—A brief article which appeared in THE RECORD last week has excited my indignation. No personal motive prompts this displeasure. I ask justice for others.

I am quite certain, Mr. Editor, you were not present at the house of Mr. Edward G. Ward on the 16th inst. Had you been there, you would have had a different account of I would not depreciate the pleasure afforded by the declamation of a former townsman; neither that of song; nor amateur acting. But your reporter, perhaps, did not appreciate instrumental music; or, possibly, on account of the loud talking, was unable to hear; otherwise he would not have neglected to mention the piano solo which opened the programme of entertainment. The piece was difficult; it contained many beautiful passages, and its execution was finely rendered. Of the musical selection which ended the schedule of festivity I am unable to speak, except from the testimony of others, who were privileged in that they were sufficiently near the piano to hear.

This gives me occasion to speak of a breach of etiquette, habitual at Church Sociables in Bloomfield. A musical performance rarely causes a cessation of conversation. Is it right that such shall be the habit, or the exception, even? Do not the most simple rules of politeness and common decency require silence, and attention? I have been surprised to notice, from time to time, persons of acknowledged social position,—those who have mingled with the refined and the intelligent, who are guilty of this impoliteness—this *insult*.

When a person has devoted years of study that they may perfect themselves in this or any other branch of art, and they are sufficiently obliging to use the knowledge thus obtained for the entertainment of others, should not the audience be silent? It has been suggested by one who is still more indignant than the writer, if such may be the case, that the RECORD press donate a card, for the benefit of social entertainments, bearing in large letters—

GENTLEMEN AND LADIES  
WILL  
AND ALL OTHERS  
MUST  
KEEP SILENCE.

Said card to be transferred from house to house and suspended over the piano during any musical entertainment at a Church Sociable.

**THE NEW YORK SPIRIT OF THE TIMES** is sharp on Weston, calling him an "incorruptible humbug." It says: "It is astonishing that this man Weston should be tolerated in any community, for it is well known to all who have any knowledge of athletics that as a pedestrian he is of no account whatever, and for the plain reason that he does not walk, and will never subject himself and his skip-jack tricks to the regulations of a walking match."

The bill to provide for the resumption of specie payments has passed the Senate by a vote of 32 yeas and 14 nays.

## Local Note-Book.

And now for a Merry Christmas.

**January Magazines at T. L. Dancer's News Depot.**

T. T. Cadmus, baker and confectioner, displays a window well filled with tempting Christmas goods.

The work on the First Presbyterian church is so far completed that the congregation expect to worship there next Sabbath, occupying the lower floor.

A Union Neighborhood Prayer Meeting will be held at the residence of Mr. Geo. Rouband, Midland avenue, Tuesday evening, Dec. 29, at quarter of 8 o'clock.

Persons in Bloomfield and vicinity desiring a thorough teacher in Piano-forte instruction, are referred to advertisement in another column. Particular attention given to beginners.

A petition is to be made to the Town Committee for a plank sidewalk on Spruce street, from Belleville avenue to Canal street, signers representing the required number of feet having been obtained.

The "Opening of a Chestnut Burr," published by Dodd & Mead, an extended notice of which we give elsewhere is having a large sale. It can be had in Bloomfield at this office, at the publishers' price, \$1.75, making a very fitting holiday gift.

Among the holiday goods offered by Macknet, Wilson & Co., of 796 Broad street, Newark are boys' tool chests in great variety. A fine assortment of skates, sleigh-bells, and many beautiful ornamental articles in bronze are also shown at this extensive and long-established house.

**THE SNOW.**—Quite a remarkable fall of snow, for this section of the country, occurred last Sunday. It began at 7 o'clock in the morning and by 1 in the afternoon had reached a depth of nearly a foot and a half. A gentleman says that at noon, when the storm was at its height, it fell at the rate of an inch in six minutes, strict time and close measurement.

E. P. Weston succeeded in walking 500 miles in six days, at the Newark Industrial Building. He completed the task shortly before 12 o'clock on Saturday night. A committee of prominent New Yorkers are interesting themselves in procuring a testimonial to commemorate this seemingly impossible feat. The gift is to be a \$500 watch.

Unavoidable circumstances have interfered with the plan we had in progress of publishing a usually interesting *Chronicle* to the observance of the festival in our village. We must reluctantly ask indulgence for meagre columns, at the same time heartily wishing all our readers a Merry Christmas.

An East Orange gentleman named Watkins was aroused in his house on Saturday night by the operations of burglars. He raised the window and in the darkness discerned a couple of men about to escape. He discharged his pistol and succeeded in wounding one of them. He was captured by Mr. Watkins and his neighbors, but refused to make known his name at the station house.

**FIRE.**—The stables of the Morris Canal Company, situated at the head of the Plane, were burned up last Saturday evening. The alarm was sounded by the village bells, about half-past seven o'clock, and a large number of citizens turned out. The building was of wood, about 100 feet in length. Several tons of hay, together with harness and other property were consumed. Fortunately the mules and horses, some twenty in number, were saved.

**CHRISTMAS PREPARATIONS.**—The Hope Chapel folks are seemingly taking the lead this year in preparing a Merry Christmas for the children of that Sunday School. There is to be an exhibition, consisting of singing, tableaux and recitations. Each child is to receive a present. The affair is set down for Thursday evening, Christmas Eve. Preparations are also making in most of the other churches and Sunday Schools of the village.

All day Monday the M. & E. R. R. passengers went to and from the depot in "Indian file," in one narrow track through the snow, because the Railroad Co. and others neglected to shovel off the side walk, on Glenwood avenue from THE RECORD building to the station. There ought to be a supplement in the way of a snow clause procured to our sidewalk law, compelling the removal of snow from all flagged or planked walks as soon as it has fallen. The comfort and health of people would be promoted by it.

**ECCLIAN SOCIETY.**—This Society held its regular meeting last Monday evening. The programme consisted of a Criticism by A. N. Babcock; Reading by Fredk. Crane, and Henry Russel; and Essays by C. W. Maxfield and W. O. McDowell. The subject of last essay was one of live interest, the subject being "The Great American City of the Future," the location of which was to be on the west side of the Hudson River, opposite New York of today. Mr. McDowell's familiarity with railroad matters enabled him to present some very excellent arguments in favor of his future great city.

A Washington correspondent writes to the N. Y. Telegram: "It is an open secret here that our relations with Spain at the present time are very unsatisfactory, and that a war between the two countries may be precipitated at any moment. Spain, while complying with Great Britain's demand for indemnity in the Virginian case, has thus far taken no steps toward complying with our demand in the same case, and which should properly have precedence. An active correspondence is going on between Secretary Fish and Minister Cushing concerning the points at issue, which shows a strong desire on the part of this Government for the abolition of slavery in Cuba, and an equally strong desire for the independence of that island."

The *Christian Union* of this week contains an article, obviously written by Mr. Beecher, upon the suit brought against that gentleman by Mr. Tilton, the trial of which the defendant's counsel have so repeatedly delayed. Mr. Beecher admits that until last summer he used every effort to prevent any investigation of the matter, but claims that he is now extremely anxious to have the case speedily tried, and asserts that no compromise is possible.

Several attempts were made on Saturday last to burn the Auburn State prison. Fire broke out in three different places successively within two or three hours. The inference is that organized attempts were made by the convicts to burn the prison and make their escape in a body. Only a few days previous fires were set in two or three places.

Captain Bourne, of the Second Brooklyn precinct, was shot through the heart at his station house on Sunday, by the carelessness of a friend, John C. Pollock, a reporter for the Brooklyn *Argus*, who dropped into the station house on his way from church. He snatched the pistol, supposing it to be unloaded, and shot Captain Bourne dead.

A reward of \$5,000 is offered by the father of Charlie Ross for the return of the child or information and no questions asked. The remains of the boy found in Newark Bay are decided on examination not to be those of Charlie Ross.

The annexation of all the northern townships of Hudson county to Jersey City is about to be vigorously agitated again with a view to early action in relation thereto by the coming Legislature.

## Holiday Directory.

**BOOKS AND STATIONERY.**  
M. R. DENNIS, 729 Broad St.  
INGALLS & CO., No. 13 Academy St.

**DRY GOODS, ETC.**

MORRIS & DOTT, 159 and 161 Market St.

**FINE FURS, HATS AND CAPS.**

CORSEY & STEWART, 711 and 713 Broad St.

**GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS.**

R. F. JOLLEY & CO., 829 Broad St.

**SKATES.**

An unequalled assortment at MACKNET, WILSON & CO.'S, 796 Broad St.

**JEWELRY.**

J. O. HANCOCK & CO., 647 Broad St. The finest stock in the city.

**SILVER AND PLATED WARE.**

His own manufacture, and are unsurpassed.

**TOYS AND FANCY ARTICLES.**

HAINE & CO., 648 Broad St.

HAIGELL'S BAZAAR, 627 Broad St.

ONE DOLLAR BAZAAR, 10 Bank St.

**CLOTHING, BOYS & GENTS.**

HALLEY, HUNTER & HALLEY, 850 and 852 Broad St.

WATSON & CO., 815 Broad St.

All the above establishments advertise in THE RECORD. Attention is respectfully called to their advertisements in detail.

## A CARD.

Bloomfield, Dec. 21, 1874.

I have learned from a number of ladies, that a woman has been calling at their houses, soliciting aid, and using my name as endorsement. Such use is unauthorized by me, and, upon inquiry, I find the person to be unworthy of confidence, intemperate in her habits, false in her statements, and not in need of the help she seeks. She gives the name of Stewart more often than any other.

M. FANNY DODD.

## LIST OF LETTERS

**REMAINING UNCLAIMED at the Post Office**

in Bloomfield, N. J., December 23, 1874.

Anderson, Andrew

Burns, Wm.

Burns, James

Butler, Mrs.

Brunkerhoff, Mrs. Cath.

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## "Opening a Chestnut Burr."

BY REV. E. P. ROE.

Large 12mo. Price \$1.75. Over 33,000 copies of Mr. Roe's three stories have been sold within two years. This last work is selling more rapidly than either of its predecessors. Read the following opinions:

### THE CHRISTIAN UNION.

The most able story that we have had from the pen of Mr. Roe. It is also the best of the so-called religious novels published of late.

### BOSTON TRAVELER.

There are many stirring and dramatic scenes in the story, while its quieter phases are not wanting in grace and sweetness.

### NEW YORK TRIBUNE.

Mr. Roe has laid out his greatest power in depicting the character of the heroine, who is a model of purity and ardent piety without losing the peculiar charms of female loveliness. He is strong in his delineation of character. All his personages have a clear, sharp cut individuality, and make a fresh and deep impression on the reader.

### HARPER'S MAGAZINE.

In the Opening of a Chestnut Burr, Mr. Roe has made a marked advance upon his two previous stories. He has already exhibited a remarkable power of description, which in his volume he uses with good effect in the scenes of fire and shipwreck. It is thoroughly religious, thoroughly Christian both in tone and teaching.

## FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

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### DANNBACHER'S STORE

You will find a fine Assortment of

### Holiday Goods,

Such as

Almonds, Walnuts, Filberts, Figs, White Grapes, Citron, Lemon Peel, Raisins, Currants, Havana Oranges, Lemons, Cranberries, Fine Cider.

Also CANNED FRUITS of every description at the

Splendid Delaware Co. Butter we still sell at 45c. Roll and Table Butter at 40 cts.

New Beans, Peas and Lentils, Italian Macaroni, Vermicelli, New Prunes, &c.

Sugars, we have again reduced in price.

Cut Leaf, " " " 85 cts. for 7 lbs.  
Granulated, " " " 75 do.  
A. L. Choice, " " " 70 " "  
Ex. C, " " " 74 " "  
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The Largest Stock and Finest Assortment of Tea and Coffees in Town.

Patent Process Flour, Fine, " " \$10.00  
A. L. Choice, " " " 2.00  
Splendid Family, " " " 8.00

New Hams, 16 cts. per lb. Shoulders, 12 cts.

Bacon, Smoked Tongues, &c.

All these articles you will find of Superior Quality, and as cheap as any store in Newark.

Call and Give us a Trial.

### DANNBACHER'S

### BUTTER & FLOUR DEPOT

Bloomfield Ave., Bloomfield, N. J.

### TORREY'S PATENT WEATHER STRIPS.

The Most Perfect Contrivance

For Preventing Cold Air from coming in

around Doors and Windows ever made.

For Sale and put on by HAYES & TAYLOR

AT MANUFACTURER'S PRICES.

### BROAD STREET HOUSE,

BLOOMFIELD, N. J.

ANNOUNCING DEPOT OF THE MONTICALLY RAILWAY.

Both permanent and transient guests accommodated at reasonable rates. House new and well furnished.

Apply to or Address F. M. DODD.

### OLD SANTA CLAUS!

IS WITH US AGAIN!

We are prepared to meet the demands of the Holiday Trade with a Choice Selection of

PURE CONFECTIONERY,

Fruits and Foreign Nuts of all kinds.

Also, a Good Assortment of Cheap

TOYS AND CHILDREN'S BOOKS, at

W. J. BROWN'S,

On Glenwood Avenue,

OPPOSITE THE RECORD OFFICE.

### THE PUDDLEFORD PAPERS,

OR HUMORS OF THE WEST,

BY H. H. RILEY.

A NEW AND INTERESTING BOOK.

Just Published, Price \$1.50.

For Sale at the Berkeley Printing Office,

BLOOMFIELD, N. J.

35 Cent Post-paid on receipt of Price.

J. O. Harger & Co's Column.

## Park Jewelry Store

647 Broad St.,

NEAR NEW.

NEWARK, N. J.

SIGN of the BIG WATCH.

Largest Stock,

Largest Stock,

FINEST ASSORTMENT

IN THE CITY.

COLD AND SILVER

WATCHES,

GOLD CHAINS,

Amethyst and Cameo Stone Rings

IN RICH MOUNTINGS.

CARVED AND ENGRAVED RINGS,

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